

The Torch



"Generations Growing in Faith for more than 75 years!"

St. Dominic
Parish

Delhi Township,
OH

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Pastor's Desk

With the resignation of Bill Cavanaugh, I want to thank him for his years of service to the St. Dominic school family. I wish him well and God's blessings in whatever he chooses to do.

I am happy to announce that our new principal is Jenny O'Brien. Jenny was a teacher here at St. Dominic when we achieved Blue Ribbon status. Since then, she has distinguished herself as principal of Holy Family and St. William. She has served on a number of archdiocesan committees and has mentored new principals. All the while she remained a faithful parishioner of St. Dominic.

I am confident Jenny will lead our school community into a very successful future!
Fr. Jim

May They Rest in The Peace of the Lord

Please pray for the repose of the souls of the following parishioners, as they have entered eternal life.

Bernice Herbert, mother of Donna and Walter Gerbus, and stepmother of Daniel and Cindy Herbert and Sheryl and Michael Meister.

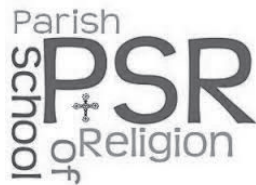
Donald Taylor, husband of Patricia Taylor and father of Donald Taylor, Michael and Melissa Taylor and Mark and Jessica Taylor.

Henry "Pat" Marks, husband of Ruth Marks and father of Lynne and Matthew Smith, Daniel and Mary Marks, Andrew and Elizabeth Marks, Rebecca and David Keppel and Matthew and Amanda Marks.

Dorothy Schaefer, mother of Denise and David Harpring, Douglas and Lorie Schaefer and Sandy Dennedy.

Dennis DeBruler, father of Dennis DeBruler.

St. Dominic Parish School of Religion (PSR)



The mission of the St. Dominic Parish Community is the same as the mission of the greater Church – to bring about a connection with and response to God's love in our world – and truly live out the Reign of God. We do this through the Sacraments, Scripture, Prayer and our interconnections with others – the family, the Parish community of Faith and the larger community and world.

We welcome all registered parish families whose children attend public schools to attend our Parish School of Religion (PSR). The PSR staff and teachers are here to assist parents in their task of raising their children in the Faith. Instruction in PSR is offered during the school year (September – May) for children in grades 1 – 8. Classes meet Sunday mornings at 10:30 a.m. for all grade levels. There is special emphasis on the sacramental years, usually 2nd, 7th and 8th grades, with added activities for parents and candidates.

Look for more information about PSR including registration for the 2021/2022 school year in August in the Torch and weekly bulletins.

Eulogy for Frank Thesing

By Lynn Esmail

Thank you for coming. I am Frank's youngest daughter Lynn. Frank was a joyful, strong, peaceful man. A one of a kind that can't be captured in words...but here goes anyway!

A few years ago, I had the privilege of taking my dad on an honor flight. He told me stories about his service, stationed at the Berlin Wall. Although I always knew he was a supply clerk, I didn't know that involved ACTUALLY getting the supplies.

One day, he had an Army convoy following him and was driving a full gasoline tanker. The town he had to drive through to get to the wall was engulfed in flames. After some discussion with his commander, the Sergeant informed him that the rest of the convoy would stay behind but they needed the gasoline at the wall. He would have to move forward through the flames.

He thought of his mom and siblings. He was the oldest of seven. I knew he meant he wanted to act honorably. Then he thought of the Blessed Virgin Mary, said prayers to her and drove as fast as he could. He couldn't see anything through the black, thick smoke fire except a small quarter sized patch of blue sky that guided him the entire time, I remember how he put his hands up like this as he told the story. He followed the blue patch for what seemed like hours, but he recollected that it was probably just 10 minutes or so. Continuing to pray, he made it to his destination safely.

I said, "Dad, you are almost 80 years old, how come you never told us that story?" He said, "Because when you are going through hell you drive as fast as you can, and when you get through it you don't look back. Then you take that little blue spot and make it your life."

He certainly did that. He met my mom 59 years ago and married her almost 57 years ago. In good times and in bad they danced in the kitchen, prayed together, stayed committed and had a symbiotic relationship, a love with God in the center. I want to thank my mom for being his life. He then had three daughters, Maribeth, Lori and I and as well as seven grandchildren. He has spent his last 21 years giving back to the residents of West Park Retirement Home, dancing with them and singing through the hallways. I remember when my Aunt Dot was a resident there, she said, "When your dad enters this place, he walks on water."

All of our lives, people would stop my sisters and I and say, "You have the best Dad." We always knew it.

He definitely wanted us to live life, and sometimes he pushed us right into it. He helped my sister buy a stick shift car and then without lessons had her drive it home. Once we received our temporary driver's license, all of us went from practicing in the school lot to driving on the highway on the same day. "No time like the present!" he'd say. If you complained, he'd remind you "Life isn't fair" and you'd move on. When I tried to get away with something in high school, "You can't kid a kidder Lynner." He always knew what was up, and how to connect to each of us.

He had a way of telling his grandkids words of wisdom and sticking a cuss word in the center of the statement...just to make sure he had their attention. We could tell you a few stories from the golf course...but probably not from the church podium!

The grandkids and close family have been saying so much about him these last few days and we tried to capture it...

"Grandpa radiates joy." ... "He would do anything for anyone." ... "Grandpa could change your life in a short car ride." ... "Grandpa meant everything to me. He was my hero!" ... "Grandpa always made me smile." ... "He sang as loud as he could, two words ahead of the priest and sometimes they weren't even the right words." ... "The most ideal role model." ... "He was the best. And gave the best." ... "One of God's lights, everyone was

drawn to him."..."He was such a gift at West Park...it made me proud."..."He sees the absolute good in everyone."..."Everybody loves Frank."...He was who he prayed to be. As my mom always said, "God gave her the best!"

After the honor flight, I thought his special way must be the perseverance of that young man, but I was only half right.

Over the last few weeks, we have all – mainly the grandkids – been reading grandpa's prayers to him daily. It is a stack of prayers that he collected over his life. It sometimes seemed that it took multiple people many hours to finish these prayers that he prayed every day for the last 10 years in combination with daily mass and holy communion.

I recently came upon the definition of prayer. Prayer is an expression of thank addressed to God. My dad's actions, his intentions, his life was a prayer. That is what made the room light up and the hugs so warm. He was an expression of thanks addressed to God.

Today we remember him, but tomorrow we honor him by capturing his light and taking that blue patch and making this world a better place.

With that we bow our head to honor him with one of his favorites:

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace:
 where there is hatred, let me sow love;
 where there is injury, pardon;
 where there is doubt, faith;
 where there is despair, hope;
 where there is darkness, light;
 where there is sadness, joy.

O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek
 to be consoled as to console,
 to be understood as to understand,
 to be loved as to love.
 For it is in giving that we receive,
 it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
 and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.
 Amen.

Parish Center Rooms and O'Connor Hall

The rooms in the Parish Center are now open for use by all Parish Ministries. O'Connor Hall will not open back up until September, but reservations for O'Connor Hall can be made now. To schedule a room in the Parish Center, or reserve O'Connor Hall, call the parish office at 513-471-7741, ext. 0.

St. Dominic Parish Picnic At Stricker's Grove



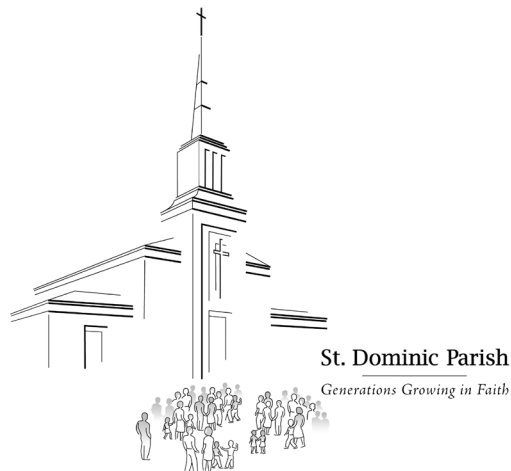
Mark your calendars for Friday, July 23! It's the St. Dominic parish picnic at Stricker's Grove! Park opens at 5:00 p.m. Bring a picnic dinner or purchase hot dogs, brats, metts or burgers there! You can bring your own drinks, but no alcoholic beverages can be brought into the park. Soft drinks and beer can be purchased at the park. Free ice cream! Free rides, including the roller coaster! The rides begin at 6:00 p.m. and end at 10:00 p.m.

We are still not sure what shape the festival will take in October, but we have decided that there will be no rides. So, the picnic is a chance to get in all the rides you could want! And they are free! Fun will be had by all! River Road (Rt. 50) through Cleves, and then North on Rt. 128, through Miamitown almost to Ross. Park is on the right. Look for the roller coaster!

Fr. Jim

Goldenaires

The Goldenaires are back! We all need to get back together after the Covid-19 isolation! We will have a planning meeting Wednesday, July 28 at 7:00 p.m. in Room 2 of the Parish Center. This meeting is to jumpstart our 2021 activities. If you have ideas for activities but cannot attend the meeting, call/text Marie at 513-910-3938 and leave a message.



St. Dominic Scholarships and Awards

At the end of the school year, St. Dominic School presents many awards to both our graduating 8th grade class as well as our younger students. Congratulations to the following Award winners.

Graduation Scholarships & Awards: The following students are awarded the *Father Stockelman/Sister Mary Ruth Scholarships* for achieving the highest overall grade point averages of the students from this graduating class. These scholarships are sponsored by the St. Dominic Men's Society. The recipients are **1st – Nicholas Liderbach, 2nd – Emery Charles.**

The following students are being awarded the *Michael J. Pohlkamp Memorial Scholarship* for exceptional effort in academics and athletics based on recommendations from coaches and teachers. These scholarships are sponsored by the St. Dominic Athletic Association. The recipients are **Sophia Bass, Kaitlyn Kruessel, Austin Tettenhorst, Ben Railey.**

Returning Students Scholarships & Awards: *Patrick J. Cottingham II Scholarship* - Mr. Cottingham was a Science teacher at St. Dominic from 1974-2004. That's 30 years. Mrs. Cottingham wants to help students continue their love of science. One boy and one girl currently enrolled in the 7th grade each having a love of science, good Christian character, and grades commensurate with their academic ability. The recipients are **Chase Goins and Shelby Luebbering.**

Student Council Scholarship - Criterion for this scholarship includes a demonstrated positive attitude, good effort, cooperation, and daily living of Christian values. The recipients are:

5th grade:	Nicholas Fettig
6th grade:	Tyler Homan
7th grade:	Aubrey Weller

Jake & Sydney Wittich Scholarships were established in memory of Jake and Sydney (former students at St. Dominic School) so their spirit will continue to live and so that other children will have the same educational opportunities. The students selected for this award show respect for others and their families are willing to make sacrifices for their Catholic education. The recipients are Jake Wittich Scholarship – **Chase Goins** and Sydney Wittich Scholarship – **Francesca Lanter.**

Class of 2021 Graduates

ST. DOMINIC GRADUATES

Antonio Augustine
Zachary Barnes
Mairead Beverley
Liam Eckhoff
Ella Gorczyca
Isaac Haile
Jayden Holliman
Eddie Jones
Raegan Korb
Elizabeth Lipps
Michael Montgomery
Adrianna Russ
Elena Sullivan
Nora Utley
Carson Wilson

Grace Awad
Catherine Barron
Nicholas Bishop
Brianna Everett
Zoe Gronefeld
Samantha Hasselbeck
Jackson Hyland
Alisa King
Kaitlyn Kruessel
Caleb Logsdon
Annaliese Murphy
Adam Schloemer
Austin Tettenhorst
Payton Watson

Alanah Balter
Sophia Bass
Emery Charles
Arielle Fahrian
John Hafner
Christopher Helling
Macy Iori
Kirra Koch
Nicholas Liderbach
Conner McMillian
Benjamin Railey
Carson Siebel
Joseph Thomas
Emma Weikel

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

ELDER HIGH SCHOOL

Jackson Gutzwiller – Spalding University
Nicholas Homan – IBEW/NECA Electrical Training Center
Adam Kent – University of Cincinnati – University of Cincinnati Cincinnati Scholarship.
Gabriel McDonald – University of Cincinnati – University of Cincinnati Cincinnati Scholarship,
University of Cincinnati College of A & S Scholarship.
Patrick Roark – Sinclair College
Matthew Walter (Valedictorian) – University of Cincinnati – University of Cincinnati Cincinnati Century
Scholarship, College of Business Scholarship

OAK HILLS HIGH SCHOOL/DIAMOND OAKS

Audrey Folzenlogen – Thomas More University – Presidential Scholarship, KEES Scholarship, Soccer
Athletic Scholarship, GMC Academic Award.
Jared Lowry – U.S. Army National Guard
Benjamin Schwarz – Job in the Auto Mechanics Industry
Henry Schwarz – Cincinnati State Technical and Community College
Jack Schwarz – Cincinnati State Technical and Community College
Alaina Rizzo – Cincinnati State Technical and Community College

SETON HIGH SCHOOL

Ally Gilkey – The Ohio State University – Fishers Scholars Faculty Award, Trustees Scholarship, President
Affordability Grant, Scarlet & Gray Grant.
Sabra Charles – Boston University
Emily Redder – Northern Kentucky University

WALNUT HILLS HIGH SCHOOL

Amanda DeZarn – University of Cincinnati

Congratulations to all our grade school and high school graduates!!

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We are planning to bring the
Community Dinner back in
September. Look for more
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